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In re Application of :
Damrau et al. :
Application No. 10/532522 : DECISION ON APPLICATION
Filing or 371(c) Date: 06/24/2005 : FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket Number: :
09086-00222-US :
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This is a decision on the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.703 to Correct Patent Term Adjustment" filed June 27, 2006. This matter is being properly treated under 37 CFR 1.705(b) as a timely filed application for patent term adjustment.

The application for patent term adjustment ("PTA") under 37 CFR 1.705(b) is hereby
GRANTED TO THE EXTENT INDICATED HEREIN.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is two-hundred eleven (**211**) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On March 23, 2007, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is 207 days.

On June 27, 2007, applicant timely submitted the instant application for patent term adjustment¹. Applicant requests that the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment be corrected from 207 days, as indicated on the Determination of PTA mailed March 23, 2007, to an adjustment of 211 days. Applicant asserts that the application filing or 371(c) date accorded the application is June 24, 2005, instead of the presently accorded filing or 371(c) date of June 28, 2005. As such, the Patent term adjustment under 37 CFR 1.703(a)(1) should be 211 days.

The circumstances of the mailing of the Notice have been considered. A decision vacating the 903 and filing receipt, and requesting National Stage Processing to issue a corrected 903 and filing receipt, has been mailed under separate cover. In view of the filing or 371(c) correction, the patent term is properly adjusted to 211 days.

¹ PALM records show that the Issue Fee payment was received in the Office on June 27, 2007.

The correct patent term adjustment at the time of the allowance is **two-hundred eleven (211) days**. The Office will adjust the PAIR screen to reflect that the PTA determination at the time of mailing of the instant letter reflects an adjustment of 211 days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen showing the correct determination is enclosed.

In view thereof, at the time of allowance, the application is entitled to an adjustment of 211 days.

35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3) provides for the Office to establish procedures for the application for and determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b). The Office will provide an initial determination of the patent term adjustment in the notice of allowance. If, however, an applicant wishes to request reconsideration of the initial determination in the notice of allowance, the applicant must file an application for patent term adjustment. 35 U.S.C. 41(d) authorizes the Office to establish a fee to recover the estimated average cost of treating applications for patent term adjustment (as well as a fee for treating a request for reinstatement of patent term adjustment), and the cost of treating an application for patent term adjustment is about the same regardless of whether the Office's initial determination of patent term adjustment indicated in the notice of allowance is correct. In any event, refunding the fee under § 1.18(e) when the application for patent term adjustment is correct would: (1) require the Office to raise the fee set forth in § 1.18(e) (to enable the Office to recover the same aggregate amount); and (2) add further complication to a review process that must take place in a limited period of time.

Applicant's deposit account has been charged the petition fee of \$200.00 as authorized in the instant petition.

The application is being forwarded to the Publications Division for issuance of a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (571) 272-3232.


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Enclosure: Copy of Adjustment PAIR Calculations

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/532522

Application Filing Date:	06/24/2005	PTO Delay (PTO):	207
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	4
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	207
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